

Minutes of the 6 March 2012
Regular Meeting of the Yancey County Board of Commissioners
Held at 7:00 o'clock p.m. in the Yancey County Courtroom
Yancey County Courthouse, Burnsville, North Carolina

Present at the 6 March 2012 meeting of the Yancey County Board of Commissioners were Chairman Johnny Riddle, Commissioner Jill Austin, Commissioner Dale England, Commissioner Michele Presnell, Commissioner Marvin Holland, County Manager Nathan Bennett, Clerk to the Board Jason Robinson, County Attorney Donny Laws, Tax Administrator Jeff Boone, Tax Collector Fonda Thomas, Interim Director of the Yancey County Department of Social Service Gwen Harris, Regional Planner with High Country Council of Governments Michelle Ball, members of the media, and members of the general public.

Call to Order and Approval of Agenda

Chairman Riddle called the meeting to order, and then delivered the invocation and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman Riddle then asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Holland made a motion to approve the agenda and it was seconded by Commissioner Austin. The vote to approve was unanimous. (Attachment A)

Approval of the Minutes

The Board next considered the minutes from the February 7th Regular Meeting. Commissioner Holland made a motion to approve the minutes and it was seconded by Commissioner Austin. The vote to approve was unanimous. The Board next considered the minutes from the joint meeting with the Yancey County Board of Education on February 20th. Commissioner Holland made a motion to approve the minutes and Commissioner Austin seconded the motion. The vote to approve was unanimous.

Public Comment

The first person to speak before the Board was Bill Grover. He spoke about the Constitution's phrase "general welfare" does not mean a "welfare state" and once again condemned the American Bar Association to undermining civil liberties. The next person to speak was Anthony Robinson. He encouraged everyone to not depend on the mainstream media for information but to instead turn to the internet for what is really happening in the country. The next person to speak before the Board was Judy Presnell, who presented a resolution for the Board to consider in favor of Amendment One.

Community Development Block Grant-Scattered Site Housing Program

The Board next heard from Michelle Ball, Regional Planner with High Country Council of Governments. Ms. Ball once more gave an overview of the Scattered Site Housing Program that the county is participating in this year. She stated that the advisory board had selected four individuals to have their homes replaced or rehabilitation. Along with these homes there are three alternates in case one of the four chosen homes doesn't meet the eligibility requirements. In addition up to eight homes were chosen to have emergency repairs done on them. Discussion followed by the Board about how the homes were chosen and what comes next in the process. Chairman Riddle then opened the public hearing for the Scattered Site Housing Program. Mrs. Lois Herb asked how much money was in the grant. Ms. Ball responded that there was \$400,000 for the grant. Bill Grover asked an eligibility question to which Ms. Ball responded. Having no further public comment Chairman Riddle asked for a motion to close the public hearing. The motion was made by Commissioner Holland and seconded by Commissioner England. The vote to approve was unanimous. Chairman Riddle then asked for a motion to submit the application as well as agree with the terms of the grant application and to approve the execution of necessary documents for the grant. The motion was made by Commissioner Austin and was seconded by Commissioner England. The motion to approve was unanimous (Attachment B).

Department of Social Services

The Board next heard from Department of Social Services Interim Director Gwen Harris. Ms. Harris stated that she was before the Board only to thank the Board and the county manager for the great new facility that the county has provided for the Department of Social Services along with the new technology. Ms. Harris stated that the staff has been very happy in the new facility and she is here to represent them.

Yancey County Sheriff's Office Surplus Vehicle Request

The Board next heard from County Manager Nathan Bennett concerning the Sheriff's desire to surplus a Chevrolet Impala that has went beyond its service life and use it to trade in on another vehicle, so as to reduce the cost of the newer vehicle. Upon hearing from County Manager Bennett, Commissioner Austin made a motion to declare the Impala surplus and allow Sheriff Banks and County Manager Bennett to dispose of it as allowed by statute. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Presnell and the vote to approve was unanimous. (Attachment C)

Yancey County Tax Department

The Board next heard from Fonda Thomas, Yancey County Tax Collector. Ms. Thomas was coming before the Board for the settlement of 2011 tax per NCGS 105-373. Ms. Thomas reported a collection rate of 87.74% as of now which is an increase from last year. The settlement must be approved so that delinquent taxes can be published. Upon hearing from Ms. Thomas Commissioner England made a motion to approve the settlement. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Presnell and the vote to approve was unanimous. (Attachment D)

County Manager Business

The Board next heard from County Manager Nathan Bennett. Mr. Bennett updated the Board about the Department of Social Services move. Mr. Bennett stated that all of the rental property that had been rented for DSS has been cleared out and there is no rental property any more for DSS. Mr. Bennett also reported that the East Yancey Sewer Project is underway and pipe is going in the ground. Mr. Bennett also updated the Board about the Yancey County Senior Center project and discussed options that had been given to the Council on Aging for funds to build the building. Mr. Bennett further reported a gain of \$15,000 for the sale of surplus vehicles. Mr. Bennett also informed the Board that he had data ready about the North Carolina License Plate Agency and would like for the Board to meet about the matter sometime soon.

Commissioner Business

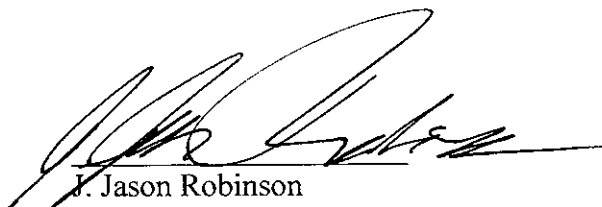
Commissioner Holland gave an update of the Agricultural Center that is being planned. The acronym T.R.A.C.T.O.R. has been adopted for this project and farmers hope to begin selling produce this summer. Chairman Riddle gave an update of some meetings with the Yancey County Board of Education and an update from the High Country Council of Governments who approved Daphne Griggs as Senior Tar Heel Legislator and talked about RiddleFest, the annual festival held in Burnsville each year to honor the life of Lesley Riddle.

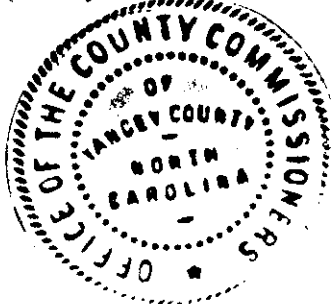
Adjournment

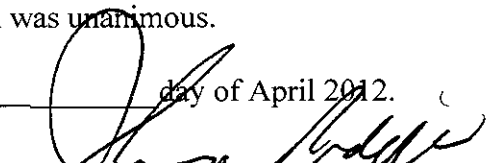
Having no further business Commissioner Presnell made a motion to adjourn and it was seconded by Commissioner Holland. The vote to adjourn was unanimous.

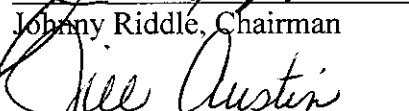
Approved and authenticated on this the _____ 3rd _____ day of April 2012.

Attest:



J. Jason Robinson
Clerk to the Board
(county seal)

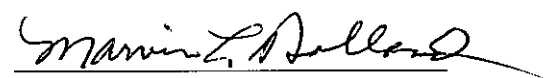



Johnny Riddle, Chairman


Jill Austin, Commissioner


Dale England, Commissioner


Michele Presnell, Commissioner


Marvin Holland, Commissioner

Attachment A

COUNTYMANAGER
Nathan Bennett



COMMISSIONERS
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AGENDA YANCEY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

March 6, 2012
7:00 P.M.

- I. Call to Order – Chairman Johnny Riddle
- II. Invocation
- III. Pledge of Allegiance
- IV. Approval of the Agenda
- V. Approval of Minutes
- VI. Public Comment
- VII. Community Development Block Grant – Scattered Site Housing Program – Michelle Ball, Regional Planner, HCCOG
 - a. Scattered Site Housing Program
 - b. **PUBLIC HEARING** – Scattered Site Housing Program
- VIII. Department of Social Services – Report – Gwen Harris, Interim Director
- IX. Sheriff Department – Sheriff Gary Banks
 - a. Request to Surplus Vehicle
- X. Tax Department – Fonda Thomas, Tax Collector
 - a. Annual Settlement of 2011 Property Taxes
 - b. Other
- XI. County Manager Business
- XII. Commissioner's Business
- XIII. Adjourn

Attachment C



RESOLUTION

Declaration of Certain County Property as Surplus Property and Authorization for Disposal of Said Property

WHEREAS, N.C. General Statute 160A, Article 12 authorizes several methods for disposing of property that the governing board has determined is no longer useful to the government unit;

WHEREAS, the Yancey County Sheriff's Department has determined that vehicles in their fleet should be declared surplus property; and

WHEREAS, these vehicles are particularly described as follows:

Item 1: 2004 Chevrolet Impala – VIN# 2G1WH52K349138599; and

WHEREAS, the Yancey County Sheriff's Department requests the Board of Commissioners to declare said vehicles surplus and authorize the disposition of said vehicles in accordance with methods set forth in N.C. General Statute 160A.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Yancey County Board of Commissioners as follows:

1. That the Board of Commissioners declares the vehicles named above as surplus property.
2. That the Board of Commissioners authorizes the county manager to dispose of said vehicles pursuant to any method allowed by N.C. General Statute 160A as may be determined in the best interest of the County.

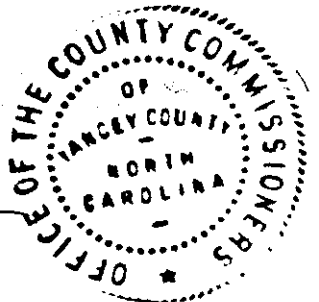
ADOPTED this the 6th Day of March 2012.

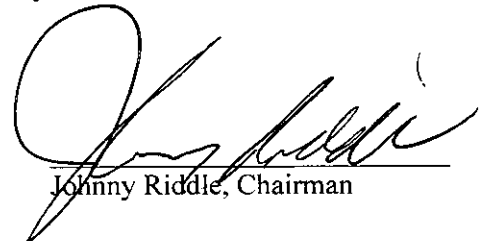
(County Seal)

ATTEST

J. Jason Robinson,

Clerk to the Board of Commissioners




Johnny Riddle, Chairman

Memorandum

To: Yancey County Board of Commissioners
From: Fonda Thomas, Tax Collector
Date: March 06, 2012
Re: 2011 Settlement of Taxes

As required by G.S. 105-373, I present the Settlement of Taxes for Fiscal 11-12

<u>Billed</u>	<u>Net Collected</u>	<u>% Collected</u>	<u>% Uncollected</u>
\$11,313,804.06	\$9,926,731.68	87.74%	12.26%